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SUBJECT: PRESS TOUR OF KMT VILLAGES

1. MAR. 18 AND 20 THE BANGKOK NATION PUBLISHED REPORTS
WRITTEN BY STAFF MEMBER NIPON CHAROENPAT AFTER HE VISITED
THE SETTLEMENTS OF THE KUOMINTANG 93RD DIVISION (AKA
3RD CHINESE IRREGULAR FORCE) IN NORTHERN THAILAND. THE FIRST
ARTICLE IS AN INTERVIEW WITH GENERAL HSI-WEN, THE DEPUTY
COMMANDER OF THE DIVISION, WHILE THE SECOND ARTICLE DESCRIBES
THE LIVES OF THE VILLAGERS.

2. IN THE INTERVIEW GENERAL TUAN NOTED THAT WITH THE HELP
OF THE RTG HE BEGAN CULTIVATING COFFEE AND TEA AND NO
LONGER EARNED A LIVING IN THE OPIUM TRADE. HE CLAIMED
NEVER ACTUALLY TO HAVE GROWN OPIUM HIMSELF, BUT MERELY TO
HAVE TRANSPORTED IT. WITH THE HELP OF THE RTG, TUAN AND HIS
FOLLOWERS ARE SETTLING AT DOI MAE SALONG, A NEW VILLAGE
3,800 FEET ABOVE SEA LEVEL IN CHIANG RAI PROVINCE. TUAN
EXPLAINED THAT HE AND HIS FOLLOWERS DECIDED TO SUBMIT
TO THAI LAW BECAUSE THEY DID NOT WISH TO RETURN TO
TAIWAN.

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3. IN THE MARCH 20 ARTICLE NIPON DESCRIBED THE 11
VILLAGES ESTABLISHED WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE THAI
SUPREME COMMAND IN ORDER TO ENCOURAGE THE KMT REMANANTS
AND THEIR DESCENDANTS TO GIVE UP THE OPIUM TRADE. ALSO
NOTED IS SUPREME COMMAND'S DESIRE TO PREVENT KMT
DISCONTENT FROM BEING TURNED AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT.

ACCORDING TO NIPON, THE KMT MEMBERS ARE NOW SETTLED IN VARIOUS PARTS OF MAE HONG SON, CHIANG RAI, AND CHINAG MAI PROVINCES AND ARE CULTIVATING CUCUMBERS, CABBAGE, ONIONS, WATERMELON AND ASPARAGUS.

4. THE ROYAL THAI SUPREME COMMAND SPONSORED THE TOUR OF THESE VILLAGES BY THE BANGKOK PRESS CORPS. THE BANGKOK POST AND MOST OF THE THAI AND CHINESE LANGUAGE PAPERS ALSO REPORTED THE STORY.

5. COMMENT: SPONSORING THE TOUR REPRESENTS AN ATTEMPT BY THE RTG TO SHOW BOTH THE THAI POPULACE AND FOREIGN OBSERVERS THAT IT IS DEALING EFFECTIVELY WITH THE PROBLEM OF NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING ORGANIZATIONS. IT MAY ALSO REPRESENT A WARNING TO CHANG CHI-FU THAT THE AND HIS FOLLOWERS MUST BE PREPARED TO UNDERGO A SIMILAR TRANSFORMATION. THE RTG HAS PROMISED TO REMOVE CHANG CHI-FU AND THE SUA FROM THAILAND.

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